



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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November 21, 2008

Ms. Sara Brown, Treasurer
Ohio Republican Party State
Central & Executive Committee
211 S. Fifth Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Response Due Date:
December 22, 2008

Identification Number: C00162339

Reference: Amended August Monthly Report (7/1/08-7/31/08), received 8/19/08

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 8 items:

1. Schedule A supporting Line 17 of your report discloses one or more receipts totaling \$42,369.50 from the "State of Ohio." Please amend your report to clarify the nature of these receipts.
2. Schedule A supporting Lines 15 and 17 of your report discloses a payment(s) from an organization(s) which is not a political committee(s) registered with the Commission (see attached). It appears the receipt(s) was for goods and/or services provided by your committee. Pursuant to Advisory Opinion 1979-18, the sale/purchase price paid to a political committee could involve the receipt of a contribution from a purchaser if the purchase price exceeds the "usual and normal charge". The term "usual and normal charge" for goods is defined as the price of those goods in the market from which they ordinarily would have been purchased at the time of the contribution. Examples of goods and services include equipment, supplies, personnel, advertising services, membership lists, and mailing lists. 11 CFR §100.52(d)(1)

Please clarify whether your committee assessed the usual and normal charge for the goods and/or services you provided and explain the steps your committee took in determining the amount charged. If your

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